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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant The statutory basic filing fee is missing. may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37
- CFR 1.27). A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the The oath or declaration is missing. above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(I) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 870.

A copy of this notice \underline{MUST} be returned with the reply.

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application--Filing Date Granted, mailed April 24, 2002, enclosed for filing please find:

- A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (Form PTO-1533) and a Check for \$435.00 to cover the filing and surcharge fees. 1.
 - Declaration;
- Preliminary Amendment (first page of application) changing patent 2. 3. number 60/2421,596 to read, 60/242,596.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Response to Notice of Missing Parts

Respectfully submitted,

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

In regard to the above-identified application, we are submitting the attached: 1 page Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application; 2 pages Response to Notice of 1. Missing Parts; 3 pages Declaration; 1 page Preliminary Amendment; 1 check #18890 in the amount of \$435.00; VAS Transmittal , and Return Postcard.

With respect to fees: 2.

- No additional fee is required.
- Attached is check #18890 in the amount of \$435.00
- Charge additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME 3.

This conditional petition is being filed along with the papers identified in Item 1 above and provides for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time or for a petition and fee for any other matter petitionable to the Commissioner as required. If any extension of time for the accompanying response is required or if a petition for any other matter is required, by petitioner, Applicant requests that this be considered a petition therefor.

Notwithstanding paragraph 2 above, if any additional fees associated with this communication are required and have not otherwise been paid, including any fee associated with the Conditional Petition for Extension 4. of Time, or any request in the accompanying papers for action which requires a fee as a petition to the Commissioner, please charge the additional fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0350. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment associated with this communication to the Deposit Account No. 22-0350.

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Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8: I hereby certify that this Transmittal Letter and the paper(s) as described herein, are being deposited in the U.S. Postal Service, as FIRST CLASS MAIL, Box Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C., on May 1, 2002.

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